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MANUFACTURING TRANSFER MASK, SPUTTERING TARGET FOR  
MANUFACTURING MASK BLANK

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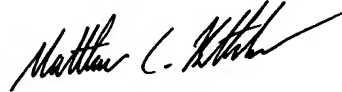
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